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MORARJI DESAI RASHTRIYA YOG SANSTHAN
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Morarji Desai Rashtriya Yog Sansthan ,New Delhi, has started charging registration and admission fee for their each Yog and Pranayam courses;

(b) if so, the present fee-structure thereof;

(c) the number of yog Sadhakas sought admission in each course after the Sansthan started registration process ,timing-wise and the average attendance per month during the last three months;

(d) whether the registration is valid for 6 months;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(f) whether the Government proposes to do away with the aforesaid conditions in view of the present resource-availability of the Sansthan, the average presence against the registered number during the last three months , and the devotion of yog-sadhak as towards yog practices ; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Morarji Desai Rashtriya Yog Sansthan, New Delhi is charging admission form fee of Rs.10/- and the admission fee of Rs.100/- per month for each short-term Yoga programmes. However, there is provision of 5 free seats to be offered free to the persons from low income category.

(c): After the registration process started from 1st of November, 2004 and various short-term programmes introduced in different phases, a total of 994 yog Sadhakas got enrolled in the last four months. The timing wise details are as under:

Number of Yog Sadhakas admitted in each course

General Fitness Programme 6-7 a.m. (Monthly) 208

General Fitness Programme 7-8 a.m. (Monthly) 299

Meditation & Fitness Classes 8-9 a.m. (Monthly) 128

Health Aging Programme 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. (3-Monthly) 30

Women Special Programme 11 a.m. to 12 noon (Monthly) 102

General Fitness Programme 4 to 5 p.m. (Monthly) 128

Meditation & Fitness classes 5 to 6 p.m. (Monthly) 99

Total 994

Average Attendance per month during last three months

December, 2004	January, 2005	February, 2005
102	109	164

(d): Admission is valid for three months in the first instance and can be renewed for next three months.

(e): Earlier the classes were being held free of cost and there was no restriction on the duration of admission. As a result some of the nearby residents were using these facilities almost endlessly and as per their convenience. The Institute was turning out to be more of a health club in the neighbourhood and deterrent for the seriously interested yoga aspirants. There were problems of discipline also.

(f): No, Sir.

(g): After introduction of the fee and restriction on duration of admission in the programmes, significant improvement in discipline, punctuality, attendance and seriousness has been noticed and those interested in understanding the finer aspects of Yoga, are appreciating the change.